



Barraba Visitor Information Outlets

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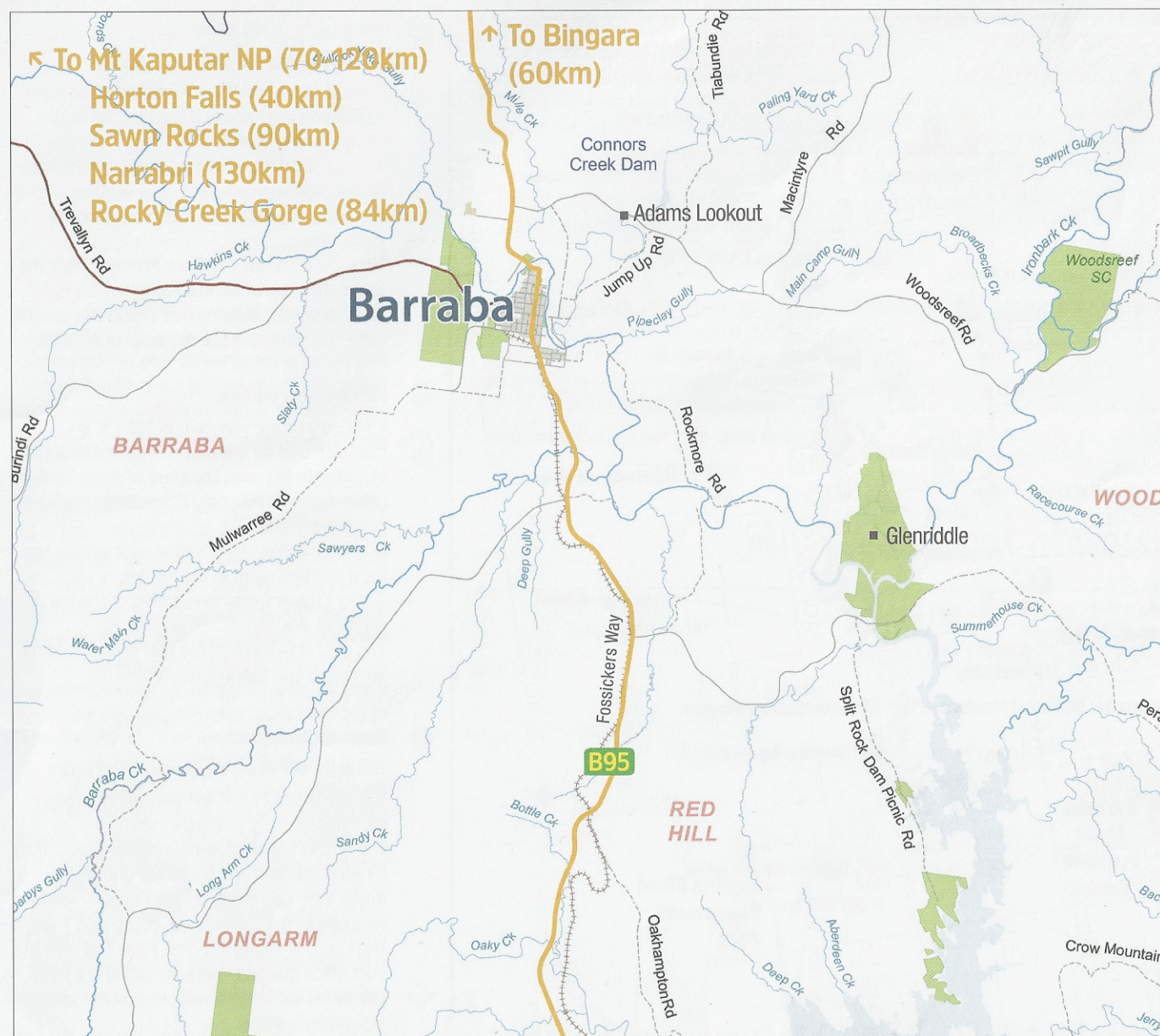
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THINGS TO SEE AND DO AROUND BARRABA

Bird Watching



Barraba is an excellent area for bird watching and is a notable habitat for the Regent Honeyeater. The district is a boundary area of the Western and Eastern varieties of birds, allowing many different species to be spotted.

Split Rock Dam (50km)



Split Rock Dam (named for a fissure in a great rock near the dam site itself) is a major local irrigation reservoir and water recreation resource. Facilities are available for angling, camping, boating and water sports. Anglers have reported good catches of Golden Perch, Black Bream, Jew Fish and Murray Cod.

Glenriddle (20km)



Glenriddle Reserve is located on the upper reaches of Split Rock Dam. The Reserve is a popular spot for camping, fishing and boating. It is well known amongst fisherman for its Murray Cod, Golden and Silver Perch as well as Eel-tailed catfish. The Reserve is equipped with toilets, BBQ and picnic facilities.

Adams Lookout (5km)



Providing a stunning look over the rural landscape, Adams Lookout is a must see on your Barraba trip. You will be able to see the views over the town, the surrounding properties and nature reserves. Adams lookout is named after Alfred Adams who purchased Barraba Station in the 1850s.

Cunningham Memorial (7km)

Cunningham Memorial on Trevallyn Road, is a roadside obelisk memorial to explorer Alan Cunningham who crossed the Manilla River near this spot in 1827 on his way to discovering the Darling Downs.

Mount Kaputar National Park (70km - 120km)



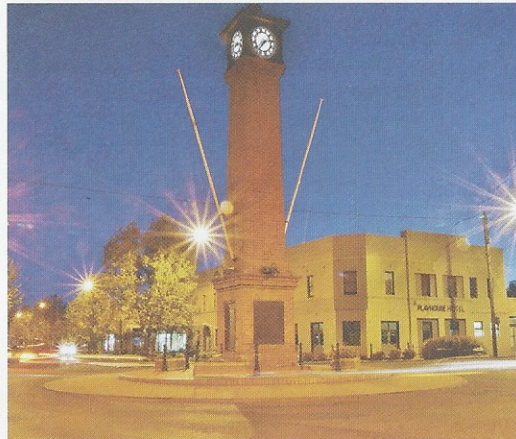
Be awed by towering forests, breathtaking rock formations and stunning scenery at Mount Kaputar National Park. Mount Kaputar is an explorer's paradise. Take in the views from the park's lookouts, have a relaxing picnic or barbecue, or



FAMILY RECREATION

Barraba is a family recreation heaven with a variety of activities including:

- Outdoor recreation - boating, skiing, camping and fishing at the local dams
- Bushwalking at the national park or Glenriddle Reserve
- Horton Valley scenic drive
- Fossicking at Gulf Creek and Jump Up Road
- Outdoor activities including golf, the skatepark, pony club and tennis
- The Playhouse Hotel's in-house cinema
- Birdwatching
- Getamongstem! Fishing & hunting tours
- Barraba swimming pool complex - diving board, water slide and hydro pool
- ATV, trail and dirtbike riding with Bike Territory and more
- Mountain bike riding in the national parks
- Claypan/Fuller Art Gallery
- Antique Shearing Display



ANNUAL EVENTS CALENDAR

- Nandewar Historical Society Markets - Monthly
- Littlest Country Music Festival - January
- Barraba Show - February/March
- Burindi Station Campdraft - March and September
- Barraba Golf Tournament - May/June
- Frost Over Barraba - June/July
- Horton Dog Trials - June long weekend
- Barraba Cup - September
- Barraba Lion's Club Christmas Tree - Christmas Eve
- Horton Rodeo and Bushman's Carnival - NYE

stay overnight in a picturesque campground or cabin accommodation. Bring your binoculars to enjoy bird watching, or to search for possums and greater gliders after dark. Or for a more adventurous trip; walk one of the park's many tracks, or go for a mountain bike or horse ride through the spectacular landscape. Kaputar is home to a very unusual bright pink slug. They can be seen after rain on rocks, trees and amongst the leaf litter.

Sawn Rocks (90km)



Sawn Rocks and the Glacial Area are only about 40km apart, but they are separated by 265 million years in time. Found in the center of Mt Kaputar National Park, Sawn Rocks were formed 21 million years ago by a volcanic vent after it cooled resulting in a "Pipe Organ" like structure. The rock face is a beautiful creation of nature and a photographers delight.

Glacial Area & Rocky Creek Gorge



The Glacial Area is an idyllic spot for exploring and picnicking providing a lovely location for swimming in the warmer months. It is a popular spot for bush walking in winter and soaking-up the sun on the gigantic conglomerate boulders.

Horton Falls (40km) The falls are approx 40km from Barraba. The park covers an area of 260ha.



The majestic Horton Falls are 2WD accessible and are must see on your Barraba itinerary. There are picnic, BBQ, toilet and camping facilities at the top of the falls. Avid bushwalkers can track down to the base of the falls to the rock pools.

For more information, please contact the National Parks Wildlife Service Narrabri area office on (02) 6792 7300 or visit the website:

www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/visit-a-park/parks/mount-kaputar-national-park



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











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|  | Swimming Pool |  | Caravan Park |  | Bowling Club |
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6 National Australia Bank

The site of the old Commercial Bank

The old Commercial Bank opened its doors in 1876 at another site and the building in the picture was built in 1898.

The new brick building had the bank chamber on the southern side facing the footpath while the adjoining residence was set back behind a picket fence.

Mr. H Dawson was the Bank Manager after the tragic shooting of Mr. Mackay when the bank was renting the building that is now the Victoria Hotel. He remained the manager until 1909.

7 Barraba Court House

The Court House was built in 1881. It is considered to be the oldest brick building still standing in Barraba. The Clerk of Petty Sessions office was built into existing veranda and a new porch was added.

In 1936 the Magistrate's room was exchanged for the sitting room in the residence.

A new Charge Room was added to the back serves as a police station until 1980.

The gaol cells towards the rear of the building are still visible and in good order.

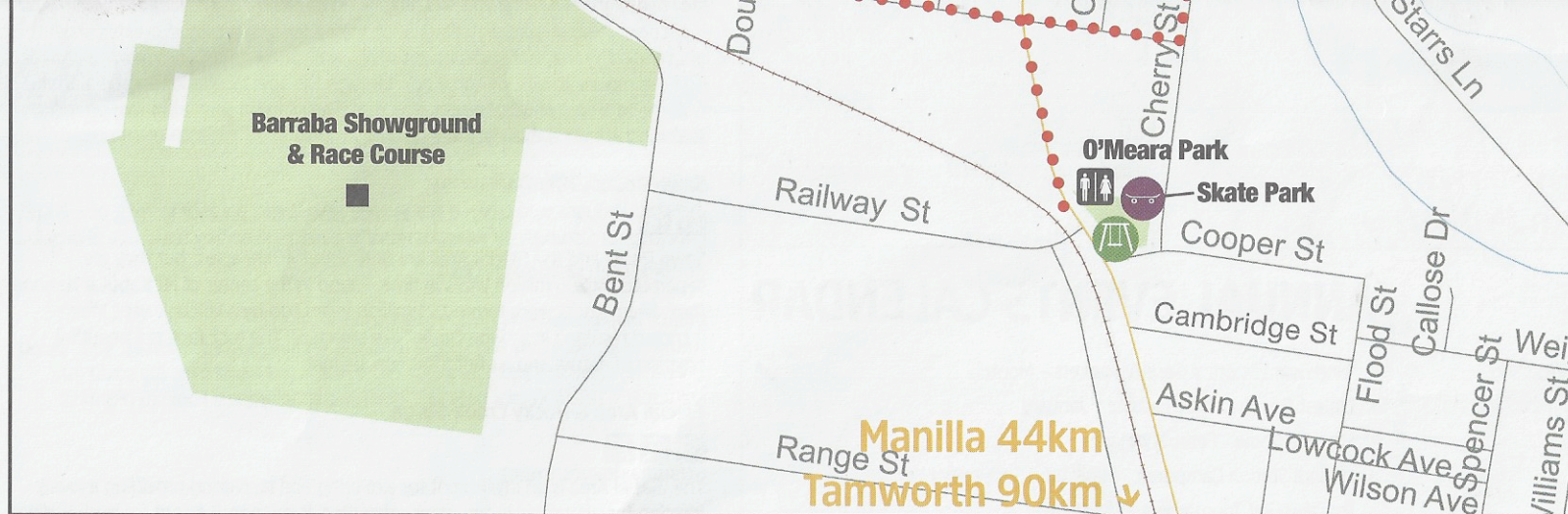
8 Regional Australia Bank

This is the site of the old Barraba Post Office

This is the site of the first Barraba post office that was officially opened in 1851.

The Post Office became operational in July, 1882 by John Banfield and his family until 1902.

It was then taken over by the Connolly family who conducted the business of the next 7 years. The Connolly Family left circa 1909 and then the post office building was enlarged and a P.M.G. Telephone Exchange was located on the southern side of the building.



Walk down Barraba's Queen Street and it is apparent that the town is loved and community spirit is thriving. Visitors will admire remnants of Victorian, Edwardian and art deco architecture – all of which contribute to the traditional country charm and personality of the town. Independent boutique businesses – including gift and fashion stores, commercial kitchen supplies, cafés and grocers – offer friendly, personal service and a distinctive mix of shopping opportunities.

Barraba is surrounded by some of the most picturesque and productive beef grazing country in Australia.

Your visit can include exploring the natural attractions of Mount Kaputar National Park (Sawn Rocks and Waa Gorge), Horton Falls National Park, Glenriddle Reserve, Split Rock Dam and Rocky Creek Glacial Area.

For information on what to see and do in Barraba, make a visit and chat with the locals at the Visitor Information Outlets at the Barraba Council Branch, Barraba Bakery, the Queen Street Cafe and Saunders Fruit and Veg.

BARRABA HISTORICAL TOURIST WALK

1 The Goldman's Building

Built in 1908 by J.J. Alam. The building was the town's first motor garage and general store.

2 Barraba Post Office

This is the site of the old Royal Hotel

John Ferry, the licensee, opened the doors for business Christmas eve 1898. The Hotel was typical of its time with public rooms downstairs and bedrooms upstairs, opening out to wide veranda. In April 1935, six months before the fire brigade was formed, the hotel was destroyed by the fire.

3 D.J. Kelly's Accountancy

This is the site of the Bank of New South Wales

This impressive building was built in 1905. This new building was built at a cost of 2,660 pounds and was described as a "well designed and commodious premises".

4 Barraba IGA Supermarket

The site of Dean and Smith Merchants store

Excell and Malcolm sold their general storekeeping business to Messrs W.H. Dean and J.C. Smith in 1900. Messrs. Dean and Smith came to Barraba from Armidale and conducted a successful business in the town for 37 years.

5 Commercial Hotel

The Commercial Hotel began as Markham's Hotel in 1878. Richard Thame bought it circa 1879 or 1880 and renamed it the Commercial Hotel. The Commercial Hotel remained in the ownership of Richard Thame and his daughter for 30 years and they were the family which built the lovely old building you see today. The brick hotel was built about circa 1890 and the embellishments on the facade were added in 1901. Cobb and Co coaches stopped here. The building has very well preserved. There have been fires in the hotel over the years but each time the damage has been repaired in keeping with its original architecture.

9 The Old Victoria Hotel

This single storey building was originally the first Commercial Bank. In 1894 the bushrangers, Lee and Cummins, attempted to rob the bank. At the time of the robbery the Bank Manager was having his lunch with his wife and six children in the dining room. Hearing a noise he entered the bank section to find two masked men. He was ordered to bail up, he refused and made a break for the dining room. Prevented by a gunshot he grappled with one of the culprits for the gun which resulted in a shot to the head. When his wife screamed the robbers fired two shots though the door into the dining room, the bullet holes can still be seen in the door that divides the lounge and bar in the hotel. The bushrangers were caught and hanged – the first double hanging in country N.S.W. In 1899 the building was renovated and converted to the Victoria Hotel, and another storey was added.

10 Nandewar Historical Museum

The Nandewar Historical Society volunteers run the Museum. There are many fascinating items and pieces in the Museum, and the volunteers have a wealth of local knowledge, particularly family history. Open by appointment.

11 Shed Of Knowledge

If you believe the old saying "knowledge is power", we could presume that Ron Hiscock is a fairly powerful man. He's not only passionate about his own family history, but his collection of memorabilia has grown exponentially and become a "shed of knowledge" catering to all interests. Open by appointment.